

SEC. 2. That section two of said chapter be amended so as to read as follows: "That said special tax shall be applied to the payment of the judgment and debts against said county according to their priority: *Provided*, the commissioners of said county may have power and authority to compromise with any and all persons holding claims or judgments against said county at seventy five cents and less on the dollar and pay the same to the exclusion of other claims."

Section 2  
amended;

SEC. 3. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 6th day of March, A. D. 1899.

### CHAPTER 480.

An act to prohibit the sale of liquors in the county of Columbus, and to provide for a dispensary at the town of Whiteville.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

SECTION 1. That the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange, receipt or acceptance for unlawful use, delivery, storing and keeping in possession in Columbus county, North Carolina, of any spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented, brewed or other liquors in compound or mixture thereof by whatever name called or known which contains alcohol and is used as a beverage by any person, firm or corporation is hereby prohibited, under a penalty of not less than three nor more than twelve months imprisonment in the county jail, or to pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court, of [for] each offense: *Provided*, that any person may manufacture and sell wine and cider on the premises where he resides which was made from fruit raised thereon, except in localities where the same is now prohibited by law: *Provided further*, that intoxicating liquors may be sold in the corporate limit of the town of Whiteville in said county after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety nine, if at an election on the question of "Dispensary" or "No dispensary," which is hereby ordered to be held in said town on the first Monday in June, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, under the rules and regulations governing municipal elections in the same, a majority of the qualified voters thereof shall cast their votes in favor of a dispensary.

Manufacture or sale of liquor in Columbus county prohibited.

Penalty for violation of this section.

Proviso.

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Liquors may be sold if voters favor dispensary.

SEC. 2. That in the event a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be in favor of a dispensary a board consisting of the mayor of said town, the chairman of the board of county commissioners of said county, and the clerk of the superior court of

County board of control.